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1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MILITARY/ TECHNICAL CRITERIA WAS HELD JULY 19. BLECHMAN HEADED THE US SIDE (ADMIRAL LYONS ATTENDED); ADMIRAL VLASOV HEADED THE SOVIET SIDE.

2. BLECHMAN PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING EIGHT DRAFT MILITARY/ TECHNICAL CRITERIA:
(1) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF WEAPON SYSTEMS PERCEIVED TO HAVE PARTICULAR CAPABILITIES TO ATTACK TARGETS WHICH COVER A WIDE AREA.
(2) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF WEAPONS WHICH COULD RAISE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS.
(3) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF WEAPONS WHICH HAVE PARTICULARLY HIGH POTENTIAL UTILITY TO TERRORISTS OR CRIMINAL GROUPS.
(4) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF WEAPONS WHICH ARE READILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MISUSE AGAINST INNOCENT PASAGE OF NAVAL OR COMMERCIAL VESSELS.
(5) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES NOT TO INTRODUCE ADVANCED WEAPONS IN A REGION OR SUB-REGION WHICH WOULD CREATE A
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NEW OR SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER COMBAT CAPABILITY THERE.
(6) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS TO A REGION OR SUB-REGION OF TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS LIKELY TO CREATE A LOCAL MILITARY IMBALANCE, EVEN THOUGH SUCH TYPES MAY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED.
(7) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO RESTRAIN TRANSFERS OF TYPES OR QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS WHICH COULD UNDERMINE

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REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS, OR IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD SUCH AGREEMENTS.
(8) EACH GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES NOT TO TRANSFER INTO A REGION, OR SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF, MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL WHICH COULD IMPEDE THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF ON-GOING HOSTILITIES.

3. A LISTING OF THE DRAFT CRITERIA WAS PROVIDED TO THE SOVIET SIDE.

4. BLECHMAN DESCRIBED THE RATIONALE FOR THE CRITERIA AND GAVE ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WEAPONS TO WHICH THEY MIGHT APPLY. HE ALSO DESCRIBED THE NEED FOR AN UNDERSTANDING THAT CO-PRODUCTION ARRANGEMENTS AND RE-TRANSFERS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO RESTRAINTS WHICH PARALLELED GUIDELINES ON DIRECT TRANSFERS. HE INVIITED SOVIET COMMENTS ON THE CRITERIA OR SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA.

5. VLASOV RAISED A NUMBER OF PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CRITERIA AND STATED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE OTHER COMMENTS AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

6. VLASOV STATED THAT SOME CRITERIA WERE SIMILAR TO POLITICAL/LEGAL CRITERIA PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS, AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE POLITICAL/LEGAL WORKING
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GRPUP. BLECHMAN COUNTERED THAT ALL MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA TABLED WERE GERMANE TO THIS WORKING GROUP.

7. VLASOV ASKED WHETHER CO-PRODUCTION AND RE-TRANSFERS WERE SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION SINCE THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED AMONG THE MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA TABLED. BLECHMAN RESPONDED THAT CO-PRODUCTION AND RE-TRANSFER ARE A NECESSARY PART OF ANY RESTRAINT SYSTEM, AND INVITED SOVIET IDEAS AS TO WHETHER THEY OR OTHER ADDITIONAL CRITERIA SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

8. BLECHMAN STATED HE WOULD DESCRIBE PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT CRITERIA AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP.

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